

Southern Flyer



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Courtesy photo

Stick a fork in it, we're done!

Senior Master Sgt. Geoffrey Percival, 908th Civil Engineer Squadron, straps on his helmet at the Inspector General Exercise. After two major exercises and months

of preparation, the IGX is now history. See photos from the adventure on Pages 4 and 5.

Hoof it or car pool to CC Call

Wing officials urge unit members to car pool or walk to Commander's Call when possible. Due to ongoing construction, the area is congested and parking is limited. Walking or car pooling will lessen the congestion.

This month's commander's call will be held at 1:30 p.m., Dec. 4 at in Polifka Auditorium, Bldg. 1403 (SOC).

CGOC collects canned goods

The Company Grade Officers Council is sponsoring a can food drive for the Salvation Army. Collection boxes will be available at unit sign in desks. "The Salvation Army is hit hard during the holiday months and this is a good way to support a worthy cause," said CGO president Chaplain (Capt.) Jamie Danford.

Mailing deadlines near

Some of deadlines for mailing items to and from overseas locations in time for the holidays have passed. The remaining recommended deadlines for sending mail from the United States to all overseas military mailing addressees for the holidays are:

- Parcel airlift mail: Dec. 4.
- Priority and first-class letters/cards: Dec. 11 (Dec. 6 for APO 093).
- Express mail military service: Dec. 20 (Not applicable for APO 093).

Congress 'shows the money' to military

Defense bill includes pay hike, better benefits for reservists

NOTE TO READERS: For more details about benefits for reservists, see the related "Selected Reserve 2005 Reenlistment/Enlistment Bonuses chart" and "Health care improves for reservists, families" article on Page 6.

WASHINGTON – Military people will receive a pay hike. If they qualify, they'll get larger re-up bonuses.

Reservists activated for 90 days or more can apply for extra money for college and continuing family health care.

These and other benefits are in the fiscal 2005 National Defense Authorization Act. The president signed the \$421 billion defense bill into law Oct. 28.

The bill OK'd \$2.24 billion for Air Force Reserve Command to train reservists and run the command.

A 3.5 percent across-the-board pay raise starts Jan. 1.

Bonus authority goes up for people to enlist and reenlist in the Reserve. For example, people with no previous military service who qualify for a 6-year enlistment bonus may receive up to a maximum of \$10,000. The same bonus in 2004 was

\$8,000. Other examples of the changes are available in the Selected Reserve 2005 Enlistment/Reenlistment Bonuses chart. Reservists can take a lump sum payment or installments.

People who go to college full time using the current Selected Reserve Montgomery GI Bill draw a max of \$288 a month. That's equal to 29 percent of the active-duty program's \$1,004 per month.

Reservists activated to fight the war on terror can get more. Full-time students draw \$402 a month for 90 days to a year of service, \$602 for 1-2 years and \$803 for more than 2 years.

The act makes early and transitional health care permanent for reservists activated for contingency support. People called up for more than 90 days can earn eligibility for Tricare standard family health care. For each 90 days of contingency support since Sept. 11, 2001, they are eligible for a full year of coverage if they stay in the Selected Reserve.

"We welcome these new Tricare provisions as a means to improve active and reserve component force readiness, and to enhance family member access to care," said Dr. William Winkenwerder Jr., assistant secretary of defense for health affairs.

Some programs won't begin immediately. For

example, Congress wants the new Tricare standard enrollment program to start by April 25, 2005.

Dr. Winkenwerder said his people are working on these provisions to ensure they start on time.

Another change permanently sets family separation pay at \$250 per month. Also fixed is the increase in hostile fire and imminent danger pay to \$225 per month.

Air reserve technicians who perform the same job as civilians and reservists can take up to 44 days of military leave for overseas duty. The old law limited the leave to peacetime work. The new law permits the use of the leave to fight the war on terror.

Reservists no longer need to serve their last six years in the Air Force Reserve to qualify for a non-regular (reserve) retirement. Although reserve retirees can shop at the commissary and base exchange as soon as they retire, they don't start drawing retirement pay until age 60.

Also, the act speeds up concurrent-receipt payments for retirees rated 100 percent disabled. In the past, retirees had their pay docked dollar for dollar by the amount of disability payments the Department of Veterans Affairs paid them. Last year, Congress authorized a phase-in process that would eliminate the concurrent-receipt prohibition over a decade. (AFRC News Service)

IGX is over -- great job! Turn focus to real world, holidays

We are done! Finally, after months of sweating the details we are through with the IGX! Now



By Col. Heath J. Nuckolls
908th Airlift Wing commander

we can put our focus back on important things like our real world deployments and holiday shopping. Thanks again to everyone involved for the hard work and patience it took to get us past this speed bump. I'll say more and give everyone an overview of the results at Commander's Call Saturday. The short version is...we are free of the AMC/IG until 2009!

It has been a challenging year for the wing between our activations, deployments and IGX preparations. Realistically it appears the pace next year will be much the same. As we approach Christmas and New Years though I hope all those who are home will take time to

enjoy their families and prepare for the new year. For those not so lucky...who will be deployed during the holidays, we wish you a happy holiday season no matter where these words may find you. Recognizing it is a hard time to be apart, please let us know if you or your family needs extra support during this time.

Many of us will be traveling during the holidays. Please think about safety. Make sure you are well



rested and your car is in good shape before hitting the road. Of course, don't drink if you are driving.

My wife, Julie, and I would like to wish each of you a Happy Holiday Season and a Happy New Year.

Thanks -- you're tops! Be safe over holidays, help each other

Now that the IGX is finally behind us and the score is in (although not yet releasable). I want to personally thank each of the 300 or so members of the 908th who took part in the exercise and those who stayed behind to provide support.

The preliminary score the inspectors gave us tells them what we already knew about ourselves: We are fully prepared to perform our war time tasking.

The inspectors may have pointed out a few areas we could improve on but, I can tell you from my perspective while walking around and observing you at work that the attitude you displayed, effort you

put forth, the challenges you had to face, and the spirit in which you conducted yourselves was nothing less than outstanding.

Furthermore, you did it working with people you did not know and you did it safely. I am honored and proud to be able to serve with such a dedicated group of professionals like those found in the 908th.

By the time you read this we will be in the middle of our holiday season. Those of you who will be traveling, vacationing or engaging in other holiday activities with family and friends, I ask you keep safety foremost in your mind. I want to see everyone back in January



By Chief Master Sgt. Amos E. Moore, 908th Airlift Wing command Chief Master Sgt.

so you can share your experiences with friends and co-workers. Please also keep our deployed members in your thoughts

and prayers. I am asking everyone who can to reach out to the family members left behind. Everyone who knows a family member, please give them a call or if you are close enough stop by during the holiday season to remind them that we in the 908th are family and we care about each other. I wish for you and you families a Blessed holiday season.

During commander's call this UTA we will have an Enlisted Call. I will update you on the progress of our Top Three Association and retired Chief Master Sgt. Lani Burnett will talk to you about the Reserve Enlisted Association. Chief Burnett is the REA's executive director.

Reach out with love, compassion, support each other during holidays

By the time you read this we will be heading full tilt into the Christmas Holiday season -- Thanksgiving will have passed and all the sales will be in full swing. The stores are probably trying to pitch to you the idea of a perfect Christmas with all the wrappings. You may have already experienced the long lines and the cramped malls. You also may be thinking that something is missing.

Many of you may be dealing with the holiday

away from the people you love. The sounds, sights and smells of this season may only dull the loneliness of miles apart.

The holidays can be both a joyous time and a sad time. You may know people within this wing -- or within your circle of friends who will be spending Christmas alone. Take a few moments and welcome those folks into your home and into your family. Reach out in love and compassion as we try to support one another. You may be one of the

people who will be alone for this holiday. First, please know my prayers are with you. Second, accept the invitation of others to be part of their celebration. Third, if you need to talk to someone -- and nobody has called you -- pick up the phone and call someone. Call me (953-5372) or a friend, a family member, your preacher. While we cannot change the situation -- we can stand with you during this time. Please know you are not alone. It is my prayer that we reach

out to each other during this and every season.



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Photo by Maj. Jerry Lobb

Fun run? Testing continues this month

Wing members complete the run portion of the new fitness test during last month's UTA. Testing continues this month. The new test consist of four parts – a 1.5-mile timed run, push-ups, crunches, and an abdominal

circumference measurement. People who are not medically able to run will use the previous system – a timed 3-mile walk for reservists and the cycle ergometry test for active duty – to fulfill the run component.



Photo by Master Sgt. Jim Varhegyi

SECAF submits resignation

WASHINGTON -- Air Force Secretary Dr. James G. Roche submitted his resignation Nov. 16. Secretary Roche said he plans on leaving his position Jan. 20 or sooner if his successor is confirmed by the Senate by then. He has led the Air Force since 2001.

Spouses receive special pins for contributions to Air Force

WASHINGTON (AFPN) -- Air Force officials have expanded the pin program to recognize and thank those who support the efforts of Airmen around the world by introducing the Air Force spouse pin. This pin joins the Air Force employer pin and parent pin as one of the service's most visible public outreach programs.

Peter B. Teets, undersecretary of the Air Force, presided over a ceremony here Oct. 8, where the first three pins were presented to spouses of an active-duty, Guard and Reserve Airman.

"In an increasingly volatile world, the Air Force depends on families for their support as never before," said Col. Chris Geisel, assistant director of Air Force public affairs. "It's only appropriate that we reach out to the spouses who stand shoulder-to-shoulder with us."

The spouse pin -- a blue star cradled in the Air Force symbol -- is a contemporary adaptation of a wartime tradition. Beginning with World War I, families hung service flags in their windows to display a blue star for each family member serving in the armed forces.

The new pin is given to spouses of Airmen and Air Force civilians in recognition of the sacrifices they make for their spouse's service, Colonel Geisel said.

Besides the 1-inch silver lapel pin, the spouses will receive a personalized letter signed by Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James G. Roche and Air Force Chief Staff Gen. John P. Jumper.

The new pins were well received by spouses like Kathleen Westbrook, who was so proud that she had tears in her eyes as her husband attached the special pin on her lapel. She said she is happy to be married to a servicemember and called today's event "a very big honor and a very proud moment."

"I said that I wasn't going to cry," she said.

With her support, Senior Master Sgt. Paul Westbrook, a reservist with the 459th Air Refueling Wing at Andrews Air Force Base, volunteered for duty at Royal Air Force station Mildenhall, United Kingdom. There, he served as a C-141C loadmaster during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Like she has done for the past 11 years, Kathleen said she has no regret being married to the military. She said she stands by her husband and the men and women of the armed forces.

"I'm here to support my husband and the rest of the military that are out there protecting our country," she said.

She also pointed out that supporting her husband's career has meant being understanding. "I try to be there for him," she said. Westbrook added that he is thankful she is.

He could never do his job without her, he emphasized. "They (spouses) are part of the Air Force team," he explained. "We could not keep our minds on our jobs without our spouses who are at home taking care of things."

He said he appreciates the fact that his wife is "there for me, that she loves me, and when I get back home, she's there waiting for me."

The Spouses Pin is part of a new three-pronged program by the Air Force that includes

two other pins, one that recognizes the parents of airmen, while the other spotlights employers of reserve component members.

Teets said the Air Force created the Employer Pin program to thank employers for their support of Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve airmen.

At the urging of Air Force Secretary James Roche and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John Jumper, the Parent Pin program, was created to thank parents of "America's airmen" for their sons' and daughters' service, Teets explained.

"What the Air Force is trying to do with this program is say thanks to the people that support our airmen in the field," he said.

Airmen and civilian employees can register for a spouse pin and letter through a Web-based program at www.yourguardiansoffreedom.com.

More than 222,000 Airmen have created profiles at the Web site, which has resulted in the presentation of more than 318,000 parent pins and more than 61,000 employer pins.

The Your Guardians of Freedom office, a division of the Air Force public affairs directorate, manages the recognition program. The office's mission is to help commanders and Airmen reach out to key audiences to tell the story of Airmen fighting the war on terrorism.



A letter signed by Secretary of the Air Force James G. Roche and Chief of Staff of the Air Force Gen. John P. Jumper accompanies each Air Force spouse pin. The pin is designed to recognize and thank spouses who support the efforts of Airmen stationed worldwide.



Seoul (Savannah) survives

Guardsmen, Reservists rush to Korea's aid

After months of planning and preparation, nearly 300 908AW members joined two Air National Guard units in Savannah Oct. 25-31 and completed the Air Mobility Command inspector general exercise.

The 908th personnel joined forces with the 153rd Air Wing from Cheyenne, Wyo. and the 145th Air Wing from Charlotte, N.C. to form the 501st Air Expeditionary Wing and simulated waging war on the Korean peninsula.

Although the official inspection report was not yet releasable at press time, preliminary reports indicate the wing performed well.



Photo by Jeff Melvin

2nd Lt. William Figueroa, 42nd Mission Support Squadron, performs a roll call on a chalk prior to entering the deployment processing line.



A member of the 514th Communications Squadron



Courtesy photo

Above, Chow time! A hungry exercise participant signs for dinner before getting his meal from a portable kitchen. The regular dining facility was "destroyed" to provide an opportunity for Services to demonstrate their ability to feed members using the portable kitchens.



Courtesy photo



Courtesy photo

Right, combat, real or simulated, is stressful and the participants often need guidance or comfort. 908AW staff chaplain Capt. Jamie Danford, pictured here using a radio, was there to minister their needs.

Left, Gu...
it's over



adron connects cables to a digital telephone switch.

Courtesy photo



ardsman Lt. Col. Gerald Champlin administers care to his 'buddy' Lt. Col. Mike Lloyd. Above, it's never over until
but unloading the bags back at home, means the end is near.

Photo by Master Sgt. Nicholas Monday

Milwaukee crew, passengers, survive enemy attack

NOTE TO READERS:
The following story is an update to an Air Force Print News article. The original did not identify the crew members as Air Force reservists. Also note that many 908AW aircrew and maintenance personnel are assigned to this deployed location.

By Capt. Aaron Burgstein
386th Air Expeditionary Wing
Public Affairs

SOUTHWEST ASIA – It was a bright, clear day when an Air Force Reserve C-130 Hercules with 57 Soldiers aboard took off from an airfield in northern Iraq bound for a forward-deployed location. The flight seemed to be routine until the pilot thought he heard a “thud.” Then, according to the aircrew, the flight became anything but routine.

“I suddenly had a fire-warning light staring me in the face,” said Maj. Rolf Breen, the aircraft commander. The major and his crew are assigned to Air Force Reserve Command’s 440th Airlift Wing, Gen. Mitchell International Airport Air Reserve Station, Wis., and deployed to the 386th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron.

The aircraft had been hit by ground fire and was in trouble. The No. 1 engine was a “fireball,” said loadmaster Master Sgt. James Grigsby.

The reservists from Milwaukee needed to put the aircraft down quickly and safely said Major Breen. This involved finding somewhere for the aircraft to land and letting someone know what had happened.

Co-pilot Capt. Jason Schroeder said he notified command officials of the situation and warned other aircraft in the area. Then, “We had to figure out where to go,” he said.

“Our mindset was to get away from the threat,” said Major Breen.

Navigator Lt. Col. John Loranger quickly found an alternate airfield for the aircraft to land. It was not a

regular airfield but rather an emergency divert field with minimal facilities.

“We didn’t have any (navigation) info on the field ... but luckily, we’d been there just a few days prior so we knew it could safely handle us,” Colonel Loranger said.

However, landing safely was not the only problem; the aircraft was still on fire.

“The fire didn’t go out for (most of) the flight,” said Staff Sgt. Dan Hayes, the flight engineer.

Once they completed the initial emergency procedures, they continued battling the blaze, he said.

“Because the fire was still going, we continued to keep an eye out for places to set the aircraft down if needed,” said Colonel Loranger. He said it seemed like an eternity before they reached the airfield.

“It only took us about 10 minutes from start to finish, but it seemed like 45.”

The fire burned for about seven of those 10 minutes. About eight miles from their divert field, the fire finally went out.

The reservists said that when they got to the divert field they were concerned with the runway because about half of it had been damaged during the war, and now there were people on it.

“I’ll never forget the sight of the people working on one end of the runway waving at us as we passed overhead,” the major said.

Once the aircraft was on the ground, the loadmasters evacuated the passengers.

“When we landed, it was like a weight coming off my shoulders,” said Tech. Sgt. Robert Sczesny. “I was thankful we were on the ground, but now we had to get the passengers off the plane quickly and safely. The briefing and unloading the 57 Soldiers took about a minute.”

They spent about four hours on the ground before another aircraft was able to pick them up.

Major Breen and his crew flew their next mission to the same airfield four days later. (AFRC News Service from Air Force Print News)

Reservists, families get improved health care, easier access

WASHINGTON — Reservists and guardsmen are getting improved family health care for fighting the war on terror.

The National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal 2005 makes other reserve Tricare options permanent. Last year's defense bill temporarily authorized these benefits.

The president signed the act into law Oct. 28.

"Our reservists and guardsmen who are called to duty and their families deserve these great new benefits for their service to their country," said Dr. William Winkenwerder Jr., assistant secretary of defense for health affairs.

Congress wanted to make it easier for military people in Air Force Reserve Command and the other reserve components to get health care.

In the past, reservists and their families could use Tricare for up to 90 days before the reservists were activated if they were scheduled to go on active duty for a contingency for more than 30 days. The new law makes this option permanent.

In addition, the Transitional Assistance Management Program became permanent. The program offers 180 days of transitional health care after reservists deactivate.

Under the Reserve Family Demonstration Project, families don't have to pay Tricare standard and extra deductibles if reservists must be on active duty for more than 30 days. The law permits Tricare to pay nonparticipating providers up

to 115 percent of its maximum allowable charge.

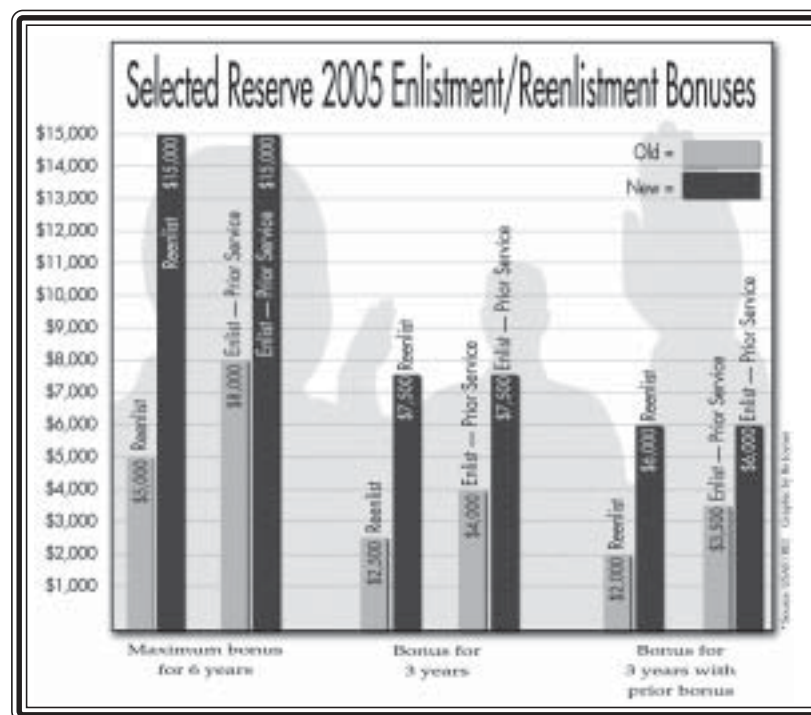
The project started Sept. 14, 2001, and was to end Nov. 1. Now, it ends Oct. 31, 2005.

People called up after Sept. 11, 2001, who served or will serve continuously in a contingency for 90 days or more, may buy standard healthcare coverage for themselves or the entire family after they demobilize. Coverage begins when the 180 days of transitional care ends.

To qualify, people must agree to serve for one year or more in the Selected Reserve after their active duty ends. They get one year of coverage for every year of commitment. If they got off active duty before Oct. 28 or get off within 180 days of that date, they have one year to sign up for the program.

Congress ordered the new Tricare standard enrollment program to start by April 26, 2005.

"We have already begun working on these provisions and will implement them on time," Dr. Winkenwerder said.



More information will be posted on the reserve affairs Web site at <http://www.defenselink.mil/ra>. (AFRC News Service from a Defense Department news release)

Military exchange offers avenue to show support to servicemembers

DALLAS (AFPN) -- With the holidays quickly approaching, many Americans are searching for ways to reach out to troops stationed overseas. Anticipating a rush of mail from well-wishers, Department of Defense officials remind people that, "Due to security concerns and transportation constraints, the DOD no longer accepts items to be mailed to 'Any Servicemember.'"

They report some people have tried to avoid this prohibition by sending large numbers of packages to an individual servicemember's overseas address, which, DOD officials said, clogs the mail system. It also causes unnecessary delays in delivery, and military postal officials cannot guarantee delivery by a specific date because of processing constraints.

People wishing to send support to troops overseas have another option. The Army and Air Force Exchange Service's "Gifts from the Homefront" and "Help Our Troops Call Home" programs allow anyone to make a direct contribution toward the morale of deployed

troops without compromising security or increasing the strain on the military mail system.

"Gifts from the Homefront" certificates, which can be purchased by any individual, business or civic organization, allow troops to purchase items of necessity and convenience at exchange facilities worldwide including 51 supporting operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom. The gift certificates may also be personalized with a message to troops who find themselves so far from home.

Because the gift certificates can be used for merchandise already stocked at contingency locations, "Gifts from the Homefront" are a safe alternative to traditional care packages, AAFES officials said. Servicemembers can purchase exactly what they need with the certificates because they can be applied to a wide range of products.

Reports from Iraq and Afghanistan indicate that the certificates are being used for the latest

CDs and DVDs, comfort items such as snacks and beverages and phone cards for those all-important calls home. AAFES' Commander Maj. Gen. Kathryn Frost said "Gifts from the Homefront" and "Help our Troops Call Home" are excellent ways for all to show they care.

"I encourage every American who is concerned about the welfare of deployed troops to buy a gift certificate or a phone card," General Frost said. "While these troops are doing superhuman tasks in countries half way around the world, we must remember that, after all, they too are human, and the holidays can be a tough time to be away from friends and family. Something as simple as a \$20 gift certificate or \$39 phone card can deliver the much-needed 'connection home' troops crave during the holiday season."

Those wishing to send "Gifts from the Homefront" can log on to www.aafes.com or call (877) 770-4438. "Help Our Troops Call Home" phone cards are also available at aafes.com or by calling (800) 527-2345.

Gift certificates and/or phone cards may be sent to an individual servicemember (designated by the purchaser) or distributed to "any servicemember" through the USO, American Red Cross, Air Force Aid Society or Fisher House.

Calling card offers good value for troops in Southwest Asia

WASHINGTON -- Thanks to an exclusive contract with AT&T, DOD military exchanges offer a card that provides the lowest per-minute fees for calls placed from AT&T phone centers in Southwest Asia, AAFES officials said.

The Military Exchange Prepaid Global 550-unit phone card offers lower per-minute rates than other prepaid cards, including AT&T prepaid cards sold by other retailers.

If the card is purchased in the United States, the per-minute fees are 28 cents a minute from Iraq or Afghanistan and 21 cents a minute from Kuwait. If the deployed servicemember buys the card in Southwest Asia, the rates are even lower, 25 cents a minute from Iraq and Afghanistan and 19 cents a minute from Kuwait.

The cards offer additional features: there's no

connection fee for calls placed, cards never expire, and the purchaser has the option of "recharging them" so the recipient doesn't run out of calling minutes.

Anyone can buy them -- not just those who qualify to shop in military exchanges. This makes them favorites for groups as well as individuals who wish to buy them for troops serving in Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

The cards are available for sale through all military exchanges: the Army and Air Force Exchange Service, the Navy Exchange, and the Marine Corps Exchange.

For more details about the cards or to buy them, visit the AAFES, NEX or Marine Corps Exchange Web sites or call (800) 527-2345.

No mas, no mas

General asks for help to stop unsolicited mail

WASHINGTON (AFPN) -- Army Gen. John P. Abizaid is asking Congress for help in eliminating unsolicited mail to servicemembers.

DOD and U.S. Central Command generally discourage bulk donations because of the added burden on the DOD transportation and distribution system and the real threat of bioterrorism and associated security concerns, General Abizaid said.

December Unit Training Assembly Schedule

Start End Event
Friday, Dec. 3, 2004

1630 1900 Commanders' Staff Meeting

Location/OPR

Bldg. 1056/CC Conference Room

Saturday, Dec. 4, 2004

0730 0800 Sign In

0730 0800 Newcomers' Flight Reception
0800 0850 Newcomers' Intro/Orientation
0800 TBD Self Aid and Buddy Care Instructor Training
0800 1100 Lab Work/DNA/HIV/Blood Testing
0820 1300 Physicals (Bring Shot Record)
0830 0900 Pregnancy Profiles

Fitness for Duty (Bring DD Form 689)
0830 1230 NBC Defense Training (Refresher)
0830 TBD Units at Range M-16 (Classroom)
0900 1000 Security Managers' Mtg
0900 1130 Shots (Yellow Fever, 1030-1130)
0900 1000 WEBRIMS & Records Custodian Training
0900 1100 Mask Fit Testing (as scheduled)
0930 1000 TDY/PCS Out-Processing
1000 1100 Gas Mask/A1 Bag Issue (Newcomers)
1000 1100 Unit Deployment Managers' Mtg
1030 1130 First Sergeants' Meeting
1230 TBD Units at Range M-16 (Firing)
1300 1400 Human Resources Development Council
1300 1500 Newcomers' MPF In-Processing
1330 1400 Fitness for Duty (Bring DD Form 689)

1330 1500 Wing Commander's Call

1500 1600 Gas Mask/A1 Bag Issue (Newcomers)

1700 TBD Sign Out

Orderly Room

Bldg. 1056/Rm 101/DPMS
Bldg. 1056/Rm 101/DPMS
Bldg. 1055/Classroom 3
Bldg. 760/Lab
Bldg. 760/First Floor/Pharmacy Lobby
Bldg. 711/Records Room

Bldg. 1154/Rm 119

Firing Range/SFS/Combat Arms

Bldg. 1056/CC Conf Rm

Bldg. 760/First Floor

Bldg. 848/Upstairs Classroom

Bldg. 760/Second Floor

Bldg. 1056/Rm 111, DPMSA

Bldg. 848/West Side

Bldg. 1056/CC Conf Rm

Golf Course Snack Bar

Firing Range/SFS/Combat Arms

Bldg. 1056/CC Conf Rm

Bldg. 1056/Rm 109/

Bldg. 711/Records Room

SOC, Bldg. 1403, Polifka Auditorium

Bldg. 848/West Side

Orderly Room

Sunday, Dec. 5, 2004

0630 0700 Sign in

0730 0900 PERSCO/MPF In-house Training
0730 1200 Dental Class 4s (as scheduled)
0800 1000 SFMIS Training
0830 0930 Fitness Evaluations (Bring Sqdn Ltr)
0830 1230 NBC Defense Training (Refresher)
0830 1130 Hazardous Cargo Training
0830 1130 Pallet Build-up/Joint Inspection
0830 0900 Fitness for Duty (Bring DD Form 689)
0900 1000 WEBRIMS & Records Custodian Training
0900 0930 Worship Service (Recommended)
0900 1000 Self-inspection Monitors' Mtg
0900 1000 Wing Mobility Out-Processing
1000 1200 SFMIS Training
1000 1030 Worship Service (Recommended)
1000 1100 Wing Career Advisors' Meeting
1100 1130 Worship Service (Recommended)
1130 1230 SORTS/Commander Meeting
1230 1530 CDC Testing
1300 1400 Chemical Mask Exchange
1300 1400 Honor Guard Meeting
1330 1400 Fitness for Duty (Bring DD Form 689)
1330 1430 UTA Bulletin Meeting
1600 TBD Sign-out

Orderly Room

Bldg. 1056/CC Conf Rm
Bldg. 760/Dental Clinic
Bldg. 941/42nd Comm Sqdn
Bldg. 711/Records Room
Bldg. 1154/Rm 119
TBD
25APS (Various locations)
Bldg. 711/Records Room
Bldg. 848/Upstairs Classroom
Bldg. 846/Classroom No. 2/25APS
Bldg. 1056/CC Conf Rm
Bldg. 848/West Side
Bldg. 941/42nd Comm Sqdn
Bldg. 848/Classroom/Com Flt
Bldg. 1052
Bldg. 1056/Rm 101/DPM
Bldg. 1055/Cmd Post
Bldg. 903/DPMT Classroom
Bldg. 848/West Side
Bldg. 1056/Cmd. Chief's Office
Bldg. 711/Records Room
Bldg. 903/DPMT
Orderly Room

Support functions' schedule

Activity	Dates & hours of operation	Location/Ext.
Newcomers' Training Flight	Sun, 0630-1600	Bldg. 1056/Rm 101
MPF Customer Service	Sat, 0800-1200	Bldg. 1056/3-5522
	Sun, 1200-1600	Bldg. 1056/3-5522
ID Cards	M-F, 0630-1600	Bldg. 1056/3-5522
	Sat, 0800-1200	
	1500-1700	
Reserve Pay	M-F, 0700-1100;	Sat, 0800-1600
	1200-1600	Bldg. 1056/3-6722
Fitness For Duty (Bring DD Form 689)	Sat, 0830-0900	Sun, 0730-0800
	1330-1400	Bldg. 711/3-5714
Medical Records	Sat, 0800-1500	Sun, 0800-1300
Individual Equipment	Sat, 0800-1530	Bldg. 711/3-5714
Clothing Sales	Sat, 0900-1500	Bldg. 1154/3-6020
Restricted Area Badges	M-F, 0630-1600	Bldg. 851/3-7505
Vehicle Registration	M-F, 0730-1600	Bldg. 502/3-4283
	Sat, 1300-1500	Bldg. 502/3-4283
	M-F, 0730-1600	Bldg. 1056/Rm 122C
Geneva Convention Cards	Sat, 0600-0930	Bldg. 502/3-4283
Dining Hall	1100-1300	Bldg. 668/3-5127
	1600-1830	
Lodging office/reservations (lodging problems, contact 908th rep via lodging front desk)	Sun, 1200-1500	Bldg. 1573/3-2401
Photo lab	M-F, 0730-1630	Sun, 1300-1500
		Bldg. 926/3-7981

December UTA Lodging

To access the Lodging Reservation System, please follow these instructions:

* Make reservations, cancellations or changes at least 24 hours prior to arrival.

* Call Maxwell at 1-800-673-9356

* Input your unit's authorization code

* Dial the system at 3-8557 or 3-8558

* The system will ask for your SSAN, which you will input with the telephone keypad

* The system will ask for your personal ID number, followed by the "#" sign. (PIN is available through your First Sergeant or Services 3-7332)

* The system will ask if you would like to make, change, or cancel a reservation.

* To make a reservation, input arrival date and then departure date.

* You will be asked if the reservation is ADT, IDT, or both (ADT: Annual Tour, Mandays, Special Tour) (IDT: UTA, AFTP, RMP, Make-up UTA)

* If this is a scheduled UTA weekend, the system will tell you where you will be staying

* If you cancel or change a reservation, you will be prompted for a phone number.

* **The confirmation number you receive is for 908th Services use only.**

Note: You can also call the system direct DSN or Commercial. The numbers are: DSN 493-8557/8558 or COMM: (334) 953-8557/8558.

If you have a question please contact Master Sgt. Byron Godwin at:

Commercial: (334) 953-7332

DSN: 493-7332

E-mail: byron.godwin@maxwell.af.mil

Emergency cell: (334) 657-1304

Note: Checkout time at Maxwell Lodging for the December UTA is 0800 Sunday. If you do not have time to go to the front desk, and do not have a phone charge, there will be a key drop box located in Bldg. 157 (Main Lodging) for your convenience. Please do not use this box if you have any charges on your bill. In accordance with AFI 34-246 **smoking is not permitted in lodging rooms.** You may be charged a minimum of \$50 for cleaning for violating this AFI.

Airlift will be lodged at the Hampton Inn, Prattville.

Aurora, Ill./Huntsville, Ala. Airlift Schedule

****Note: This is the last month of the Aurora Airlift!**

UTA pick-up schedule Friday:

Depart Maxwell at 1530 local

Arrive Aurora at 1800 local

Depart Aurora at 1830 local

Arrive Huntsville at 2030 local

Depart Huntsville at 2100 local

Maxwell at 2145 local

UTA return schedule Sunday:

Bus departs Bldg. 1056 at 1530

Depart Maxwell at 1600 local

Arrive Huntsville at 1645 local

Depart Huntsville at 1700 local

Arrive Aurora at 1900 local

Depart Aurora at 1915 local

Arrive Maxwell at 2115 local

FY05 Unit Training Assembly Dates

Jan. 8-9; Feb. 5-6; March 5-6;

April 2-3; May 14-15; June 4-5;

July 9-10; Aug. 6-7; Sept. 10-11

Take Note

Congratulations to the following people:

Promotions

....to Chief Master Sgt.
Lesley Morrisette, MXG

....to Senior Master Sgt.

JC Collins, CES
Martha Roy, MSF
Mark Williams, MXG

....to Master Sgt.
Peggy Abbott, CES
***Robert Browder, 25APS**

***(correction from last month)**
Thomas Haney, AES
Roderick Jordan, SVF

....to Tech. Sgt.
Jamar Brooks, MXS
Daphne Dunson, 25APS
Jennifer Eaton, 25APS
John Farris, CES
Eugene O'Grady Jr., ASTS

Denise Thraikill, AES

....to Staff Sgt.
Cheryle Cannady, ASTS

Jonathan Grant, MXS

Jeffrey Holder, 25APS

Ronald Mirenda, 3357AS

Nicholas Prescott, OSF

David Reza, ASTS

Spencer Roeder, MXS

Stephen Snider, 25APS

Clinton Wade, SFS

Nathaniel Walker, ASTS

Dennis Williams, ASTS

....to Senior Airman

Eva Appiah, LRS

Christopher Ellis, CES

Shannon Dailey, 357AS

Dorneal Hayes, CES

Jamie Patterson, 25APS

LaShan Reeves, MXS

Ronald Rohan, MXS
George Stone, CES
Mattie Taylor, CES
Johnathan West, 25APS

....to Airman 1st Class
Todd Benge, MXS
Reginald Dabney, SVF
Charles Huys, CES
Amy Lindstrom, 908AW

Anthony Riley, 25 APS
Alex Williams, LRS

....to Airman
Daniel Brown, 357AS
Joe Marks, CES
Derry Thorpe II, MXS
Christopher Wooley, CES

Retirements

Maj. William S. Adkins, 357AS

Tech. Sgt Robert G. Sammons, AES

Tech. Sgt James H. Ratliff, Jr., MXS

Senior Master Sgt. Ricky D. Perry, 357AS



Photo by Jeff Melvin

908th's newest chief

Aircraft Maintenance Superintendent Chief Master Sgt. Lesley Morrisette looks over the wheels of a unit C-130 on the Maxwell AFB flightline. Chief Morrisette is a former U.S. Army paratrooper and Persian Gulf veteran. He was welcomed to the highest enlisted ranks by fellow 908AW chiefs, family, friends and well-wishers during an induction ceremony Nov. 7.



Photo by Master Sgt. Efrain Gonzalez

Air Force unveils new physical training uniform

LACKLAND AFB, Texas — First Lt. Megan Schafer (from left), Staff Sgt. Antwain Wright and Master Sgt. Scott Wagers show off different combinations of the new physical training uniform while jogging here during the wear-test phase. The new uniform will be issued to Airmen serving in Southwest Asia first and phased into the rest of the force over the next three years. There is not yet an official mandatory wear date. When Air Force officials do set the date, Airmen will be required to maintain a complete uniform in much the same way they do their battle dress uniforms and blues. Airmen can see the guidelines for wearing the new uniform at www.af.mil/news/wear_policy.pdf

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